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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE HIGH AND LOW SHEAR
RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL SLURRIES AND THE PRODUCTS DERIVED
THEREFROM

Inventor: Bomi M. Bilimoria

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 30 pages, including 1 independent claim and 81 claims total; and
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Basic Application Filing Fee | | | | | \$710 | \$ \$710.00 |
| | Number of Claims | | Basic | Extra Claims | | |
| Total Claims | 81 | - | 20 | 61 | x \$18 | 1098.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - | 3 | 0 | x \$80 | |
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4. A check for \$2078.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$710.00 filing fee;

\$1098.00 additional claims fee; and

\$270.00 presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/208,238 filed May 31, 2000.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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